Closure units of HFC and FCI

338. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) why Government are planning to close down all units of HFC and FCI excepting Namrup and Sindri units;

(b) whether Government are aware that by closing down all of them, there will be a huge shortfall of 2.3 million tons of urea per annum; and

(c) if so, how Government are going to make the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The revival packages for revamp of Barauni, Durgapur and Namrup units of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and; Sindri, Ramagundam and Talcher units of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) have recently been reformulated on the basis of the recommendations of an Expert Group led by the Industrial credit and Investment Corporation of India Ltd. These revival packages envisage a fresh investment of Rs. 3507 crore (Rs. 869 crore for HFC and Rs. 2638 crore for FCI), apart from other reliefs and concessions to the undertakings. The scope of the revamp is to be determined on considerations of viability and tie up of the funding arrangements. No decision has been taken to close down any of the aforementioned units.

The total urea production of the HFC and million tonne during 1996-97. Their contribution to the total indigenous urea production during the relevant years was 4.55% and 4.99%, respectively. The functional units of HFC and FCI are being kept in production pending a decision on their revamp.

Lack of Equipment Hampers Vaccine Production

339. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Lack of equipment hampers vaccine production" in Stateman dated the 23rd June, 1997;

(b) if so, whether Pasteur Institute at Calcutta has not produced even a single vial of anti-rabies vaccine since the last five years;

(c) if so, the factors responsible for such slackness; and;

(d) the steps Government propose to streamline the functioning of the Institute and to start production of anti-rabies vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

रुग्ण हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन और फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन आफ़ इंडिया को चलाने के लिए कदम

340. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:
श्री रामगोपाल यादव:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन और फर्टिलाइजर्स कारपोरेशन आफ इंडिया जैसे रुग्ण उर्वरक निगमों को चलाने की इच्छुक है और यदि हां तो इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए है; और

(ख) क्या सार्वजनिक उपक्रम समिति के अध्यक्ष ने सरकार को इस बाबत कोई पत्र लिखा है, यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में यदि कोई निर्णय लिया गया है, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?